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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEDIA GUIDANCE - SR-71 S

REF: TOKYO 6271

1. Q' S AND A' S PROPOSED REFTEL ARE APPROVED FOR USE
ON " IF ASKED" BASIS AS REVISED BELOW:

1. Q. ARE THERE SR-71 AIRCRAFT IN JAPAN?

A. YES

2. Q. WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?

A. FROM TIME TO TIME A SMALL DETACHMENT
OPERATES FROM KADENA.

3. Q. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THESE PLANES?

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A. WE DO NOT DISCUSS THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES
OF THESE AIRCRAFT.

4. Q. DO THESE PLANES CARRY OUT RECONNAISSANCE
FLIGHTS OVER OTHER COUNTRIES?

A. WE DO NOT DISCUSS THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES
OF THESE AIRCRAFT.

5. Q. HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE OPERATIONS OF THESE
PLANES WITH THE GOJ?

A. YES. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE
THAT THE OPERATION OF THE AIRCRAFT IS
ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF
THE US- JAPAN TREATY OF MUTUAL COOPERATION
AND SECURITY.

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